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Portland Fishing Notes.

Tuesday's arrivals were schs. Angie B. Watson, with 10,000 lbs. fish; Bernie and Bessie, 8000; Watauga, 3000; Robert and Carr, 10,000; Wesley Sinner, 4000; Fanny Reed, 5000; A. P. Parkhurst, 3000.

Just at present lobsters are being caught in good sized quantities. The good weather of the past few days has favored the fishermen all along the coast and they must have landed more than is usual at this time of year. These will be taken to the pounds of the dealers and kept there until there is a demand for the fish. The falling off in the demand at present, however, cannot fail to result in a drop in the price and the dealers are looking for this to happen at any time.

Sch. E. C. Hussey Ashore in Boston Harbor and Floated.

The fishing schooner E. C. Hussey of Beverly, outward bound from Boston for the Georges Banks last night, ran ashore on the eastern end of George's Island and was beached.

Signals of distress about 7 o'clock brought out Capt. Sparrow and the Point Allerton life-saving crew in a motor boat. After two hours' work the schooner was released, apparently none the worse for the accident. She spent the night in Nantasket Roads.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fish News.

The new fishing sch. Annie L. Spindler, launched last spring is conceded to be the fastest schooner sailing out of Lunenburg. This fine vessel recently returned from the banks, where she outsailed all the American and Nova Scotian fleet. Her commander is Capt. Eldridge Spindler, of Lunenburg.

Sch. Marina, is at LaHave from the North Bay with 500 quintals of fish.

Made Good Weeks Work.

Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson, stocked \$1600 on her big fresh fish fare at T wharf, Monday, the crew sharing \$60 for their week's work.

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HERRING PLENTY IN CASCO BAY.

Portland Fishermen Getting Good Returns Catching Sardine Fish.

The Casco bay herring fishermen are certainly coining money at the present time, the catch increasing daily while the packers have doubled up on the prices paid for fish. The competition is keen, owing to the fact that the fish have apparently deserted Passamaquoddy bay. The canning factories at Lubec and Eastport are now depending almost entirely on Portland for their supplies and large quantities are being sent there daily by boat and rail. The price paid the local fishermen up to a recent date has been \$1 per barrel, but better money is now being realized, \$1.75 being about the average yesterday, with some sales at \$2, and as the demand is so active it is very probable that good prices will be paid for all that can be landed this month which will end the canning season.

Some good stocks were made Wednesday by some of the fishermen, Gus Doughty of Chebeague Island, with two other men in the little sloop Hobson getting \$50 each for their night's work. With colder nights coming the prospect is good for a big catch the next few weeks. About all the talk on the water front was "herring," and the greatest interest prevails among the fishermen, old boats that have been hauled up at the islands for years having been put into commission.

BOAT CAUGHT FIRE.

Men Lost Herring Catch But Rejoiced That They Escaped Injury.

James Cioula and the three Boston fishermen with him in the 24-foot dory had a narrow escape Thursday morning. They had been dip netting for small herring and returned to T wharf about 4 o'clock. Just as they reached their mooring place a blast of flame shot up from the engine and in an instant the whole stern of the boat was in flames. The men jumped to the wharf, leaving their clothing to the fire. Fortunately the gasoline at the bow of the boat did not catch. The fire soon burned a hole in the bottom of the boat, and weighted down by the power engine, the stern sank under the water, putting out the fire. The mooring line prevented the boat from sinking altogether. The 18 barrels of herring taken during the night were lost, but Cioula and his companions were so rejoiced at escaping without injury that they did not mind the loss of the dory.

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T WHARF DOCK BADLY CROWDED.

BAD WEATHER KEEPING MANY OF THE BIG FLEET AT THE WHARF.

There are 16 arrivals at T wharf this morning and never probably, in the history of the pier has it been more crowded than it is today. The bad weather has kept many of the big fleet which arrived there the past three days still at the wharf, and the basins are just packed solid full of vessels, while on the end they are lying as far out as the law allows.

Of the arrivals this morning, one is a fresh halibut with a small trip, one shacker from the eastward, one of the South Channel fleet, and the rest shore boats and pollockers. All fish except pollock are in light receipt, and on the local demand and the storm, prices rose a bit over yesterday's quotations. Even at this, some of the crafts in will have to lay over till Saturday, as it is impossible for them to get near enough to the wharf to land their fares.

Haddock are up to \$4.75, with large cod lagging a bit at \$3.75 to \$5, according to quality. Hake are bringing from \$1.30 to \$1.80, cusk, \$2, pollock \$1.25, and will all be taken, and halibut at 13 and 15 cents per pound.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Viking, 16,000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Standish, 2500 haddock, 1600 cod, 1000 hake, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Stranger, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Gouart, 6000 haddock, 2900 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Lillian, 1500 cod.

Sch. Tecumseh, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Almeida, 14,000 pollock.

Sch. Mettacommet, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 30,000 pollock.

Sch. Colonial, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1500 cusk, 500 pollock, 5000 halibut.

Sch. Lafayette, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Mattakesett, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Georgianna, 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Elsie, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 8000 hake, 5000 cusk, 15,000 salt cod.

Haddock, \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.75 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hake, \$1.30 to \$1.80; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$1.25; halibut, 13c and 15c per lb.

RECORD WEEK AT T WHARF.

Fishing Arrivals for Week Ending Last Night Numbered 186.

T wharf went out for a record this week and when the end of the business week had closed last night had established a record for arrivals of fishing vessels which is likely to stand as a high water mark for some time.

The week at the wharf begins on Friday morning and since that time last week 186 vessels have come in to unload, an average of 31 for each business day. This number does not include the dories of the Italian fishermen nor the vessels which came from other places with herring and shore fish.

This large increase can be better appreciated when compared with the arrivals of last week, which totalled only 99 vessels, and with the same week of last year, which registered but 120.

From Sunday morning until yesterday morning at 10 o'clock 155 vessels arrived at the wharf, an average of 40 for each business day.

Herring Scarce at Eastport.

A loss of many thousands of dollars will be sustained by the fishermen of Passamaquoddy bay by the absence of the schools of herring which ordinarily frequent that body of water at this season of the year. The Eastport canning factories are receiving their supplies of fish almost wholly by rail and boat from Portland. No diminution of the sardine output is expected to result from the failure of the local fisheries.

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SENDS SOME HOME DETAINS OTHERS

NORTHEASTER PREVENTS SEVERAL OF FISHING FLEET FROM SAILING.

The stiff northeaster, a regular old fashioned storm, which gave considerable warning of its approach, held many of the market craft in port yesterday and also several of the big ones who are ready for off shore and Newfoundland voyages. It also sent a good sized fleet scurrying to port and is looked to bring along quite a number of the off shore vessels by tomorrow.

Arrivals with fish fares, however, are very scarce, yesterday afternoon sch. Volant came in with 20,000 pounds of pollock and just at dark the big sch. Conqueror beat up the harbor, coming from Boston to land her salt cod and also a few fresh ones which she brought down to split.

This forenoon sch. Kineo, one of the halibut fleet which has been to the eastward, down off Cape Sable and back up against this long spell of hard weather, arrived with a small lot of halibut.

Shortly before noon sch. Margie Smith arrived from a North Bay hooking trip for mackerel with 11 barrels of salt mackerel. The Smith was the only hooker in the bay this season and of the Gloucester fleet there is now only one craft to arrive, sch. Georgia, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, a seiner, which is now at Portland, bound home.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Conqueror, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Volant, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Valentinna, shore.

Sch. Appomattox, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

Sch. Hope, shore.

Sch. Good Luck, shore.

Sch. Buema, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. James and Esther, shore.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.

Sch. Kineo, La Have Bank, 2500 lbs. halibut, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Margie Smith, North Bay, mackerel hooking, 11 bbls. salt mackerel.

Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.37½; medium, \$4.00; snappers, \$2.00.

Bank halibut, 15c per lb., right through for white and gray.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large; \$4.10 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Eastern cod, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.

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Hooked Mackerel and Shad.

Capt. Ralph Silva and his men on the sch. Harriett had an unexpected addition to their regular bill of fare Wednesday. They were fishing on the Middle bank and when Frank Brown hauled in his trawls in the morning, he found a four-pound mackerel on one of the hooks. About the same time Joseph Domingos hauled in a large shad. The cook served the two fish for dinner.

Shipping Fish to Boston.

Maine fishermen have found it profitable to send part of their catches to Boston. Recently the fishermen who fish in Rockland bay have sent some of their fish there and yesterday morning 18 boxes of haddock, each weighing 400 pounds, came and were quickly sold.

Portland Fishing Arrivals.

Wednesday's arrivals:—sch. Mary Edith, for bait; Helen B. Thomas, with 5000 lbs. fish; Eva and Mildred, 9000; Katie L. Palmer, 10,000; Bernie and Bessie, 2000; Fanny Reed.

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SEPTEMBER FISH RECEIPTS.

GLOUCESTER SHOWS DECREASE
FROM LAST YEAR, WHILE
BOSTON MAKES GAIN.

According to the returns of the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce and Labor, 145 fares, aggregating 3,189,962 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$56,189, and 4,239,688 pounds of salt fish valued at \$181,892, a total of 7,429,650 pounds, valued at \$238,081, were landed at this port during the month of September and 362 fares, aggregating 12,841,426 pounds of fresh fish, valued at \$263,926 were landed at Boston for the same month.

For the corresponding month of last year, the Bureau of Fisheries returns gave 147 fares, aggregating 4,074,557 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$64,431, and 6,717,100 pounds of salt fish valued at \$232,258, a total of 10,891,657 pounds valued at \$296,689, as landed at this port, and 330 fares, aggregating 8,953,450 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$202,016, and 20,800 pounds of salt fish valued at \$1,336, a total of 8,974,250 pounds valued at \$203,352, as landed at Boston.

The receipts in detail for the past month at this port and Boston were as follows:

Gloucester.

	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod	1,642,141	\$30,364
Salt cod	3,203,326	106,659
Total cod	4,845,467	137,023
Fresh haddock	417,672	4,669
Salt haddock	43,448	649
Total haddock	461,120	5,318
Fresh cusk	183,142	2,604
Salt cusk	42,324	946
Total cusk	225,466	3,550
Fresh hake	627,089	7,338
Salt hake	35,995	533
Total hake	663,084	7,871
Fresh pollock	143,787	2,042
Salt pollock	93,218	1,330
Total pollock	237,005	3,372
Fresh halibut	71,560	7,331
Salt halibut	813,977	70,232
Total halibut	885,537	77,563
Fresh swordfish	2,078	248
Fresh shad	46,633	1,272
Fresh mackerel	60	5
Salt mackerel	7,400	1,543
Total mackerel	7,460	1,548
Fresh bluebacks	30,000	225
Fresh whiting	25,800	91

Boston.

	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod	2,303,800	\$81,720
Fresh haddock	5,226,670	100,510
Fresh cusk	67,500	1,266
Fresh hake	3,999,800	27,538
Fresh pollock	1,008,100	24,021
Fresh halibut	56,800	7,444
Fresh swordfish	130,756	20,857
Fresh herring	39,000	410
Fresh shad	10,000	160

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Stocked \$1950 in Two Trips.

Sch. Thomas S. Gortin, Capt. William H. Thomas, as the result of two market trips inside of a week stocked \$1950, the crew sharing \$47. Capt. Thomas is starting right in to equal if not eclipse his \$45,000 stock record of his last fishing year.

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NETTED \$1,700 IN SIX WEEKS.

Phenomenal Success of Two Boothbay, Me., Young Men.

Perhaps the two happiest young men who are coming to Portland these days are Frank Caswell and his brother of Barters island, Boothbay.

During the past six weeks these two young men have netted around \$1700 as a result of their work catching herring. This has been practically all clear profit for the two youths as they built their own craft, the Good Luck, a motor boat, and it has certainly been worthy of the name. Accompanied by a relative, they have come to Portland as often as they could land fares and before the season is over they will have a small sized fortune to show for their work.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Titania was at Shelburne, N. S., on Monday and cleared the same day.

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FOUR VESSELS AT T WHARF

TWO MARKET BOATS AND TWO
POLLOCKERS ONLY FISH
RECEIPTS.

Arrivals at T wharf since last report are confined to just two of the market boats and two pollockers. The former got in yesterday in time to sell yesterday, consequently the only thing on the market this morning was the pollock and they sold at \$1.90 and \$1.95 per hundred weight.

It looks as though there would be no fish day tomorrow, which means that Monday morning will see quite a bare market, unless some of the big off shore vessels come in to relieve the situation. The shore boats will dodge out tonight if the storm moderates, but at present it does not appear likely that they will get a chance to set.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Almeida, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Alice, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Pollock, \$1.90 to \$1.95 per cwt.

USE SAME OLD METHODS.

Lowestoft Fishermen Have Caught
Herring for 1000 Years.

The Lowestoft fishermen say that the method of catching herrings has scarcely changed during the last thousand years or more, and that their nets must be the same in principle as those which were employed before Richard the Lion hearted and his Crusaders sailed for the Holy Land. The statement, has much of truth in it, and when we drift at our nets on the lonely sea, with our great lamp like riding light burning steadily amidships we present much the same spectacle that could have been witnessed many centuries ago. It was at night when the herrings were caught, and night on the vast and melancholy waste of water hides that modernity which only day reveals. There are other riding lights and here and there the mast head and side lights of a steamer going north or south; but the steel and iron hulls are only guessed by some chance glimmer from a port or deck house.

And the men have changed but little surely! Their dress for work is primitive, hiding all that is suggestive of the modern landsman. There is a jumper which the skipper and crew wear—a garment made of stout canvas and barked with the sailcloth. It covers the arms and trunk nearly to the knees, almost as the coarse smock garbed the serf of old and the men of his rank who would alone in those days go to sea to fish. The jumper in its long variety is like a nightdress. Its short form is generally favored, but skippers often use the long garment, as the covering keeps the cold out, and skippers being leaders, have spare time in which to feel the drafts that invade all unprotected crevices. There are rough, thick woolen stockings and boots which may be thigh boots, or climpers, according to the weather, and as for head dress there is anything in the way of covering which comes handy, but mostly a cap, except in bad weather, when it is the so'wester. —Scribner's Magazine.

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THREE ARRIVALS DESPITE STORM.

CRAFTS IN PORT ARE HUGGING
THE WHARVES TILL LATTER
SUBSIDES.

The northeast storm still continues and the arrivals from sea have been fewer than were expected. There have been no sailings, all the crafts hugging the wharves. Yesterday afternoon two of the dory handliners arrived, sch. Clintonia having 105,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Arcadia 110,000 pounds. The only arrival during the night was sch. Bohemia, one of the salt trawl bank fleet, with 175,000 pounds of salt cod. The storm precluded all herring torching and consequently there is no fresh bait this morning.

This forenoon sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James D. Goodwin, one of the smartest men that goes from this port, arrived from a second dory-handline trip with 150,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Goodwin will now probably hustle that trip out and fit the gasoline auxiliary sch. Benjamin A. Smith for winter haddocking at which line of fishing he has no superiors.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Arcadia, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 110,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Clintonia, Quero Bank and Virgin Rocks, dory handlining, 105,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, dory handlining, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Thursday's arrivals—Schs. Hockomock, 5000 lbs. fresh fish; Albert D. Willard and Rhodora.

The schooner Topsail Girl is fitting out for a short fishing trip at Union wharf. It was intended to have her hauled up for three months, but she will go back into commission.

Herring receipts at Portland Thursday were quite light, only about 400 barrels having been brought in, the larger boats not having done much Wednesday night, the fish having gone into shoal water, where only the smaller sized craft could reach them. Fish arrivals were also very light, most of the schooners hugging the wharf owing to the rough weather outside.

It looks as if herring had reached the top notch for the season. Thursday, as on the day before, the price being paid was \$1.75 a barrel, the highest this year and the highest for some years. This is about double the amount that was paid before and the fishermen will reap a big gain as a result.

With the small fish selling at such a high figure, it is said that the sardine packers cannot receive much profit from them. But there are no herring to be found to the eastward and it is absolutely necessary for the packers to get them at any figure or close down. The herring are now being brought into the city in large quantities and it seems for the size of the arrivals as if there would be no let-up.